GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3948
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BATTLE TANK
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DRDO has developed a new battle tank with a code name `Tank Ex`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the final tests have been carried out; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government propose to induct the same into the Indian Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. This tank has been developed by integrating a modified low silhouette chassis of in-service T-72 tank and re-engineered turret of MBT ARJUN.The weight of this tank will be around 47 tons and the maximum road speed of about 60 km per hour.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The tank has undergone limited technical trials by DRDO only. It will be offered for trials to army at an appropriate stage.